

Nature Center Activities

Turkey Run State Park

Monday & Tuesday, December 1-2
Park & Nature Center Closed

***Deer Reduction** – In order to maintain balance in the deer herd at Turkey Run and Shades State Parks, it has become necessary to replace wolves and cougars, the natural hunters of deer now absent from Indiana, with human hunters. We will be closed 2 days as hunters help to reduce an inflated deer population. The Park re-opens at 8 a.m. Wednesday, December 3.

Wednesday, December 3
Nature Center CLOSED

Thursday, December 4
Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST

***10am Help Feed The Birds** – Help stock the Nature Center wildlife observation area with birdseed and then watch songbirds, hawks and squirrels eat and interact with each other.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – Enjoy a tour of tonight's starry 8 o'clock sky in the comfort of our planetarium. Don't miss this free 40-minute program at the Nature Center.

***3pm Lusk Home Tour** – Gather in the Lusk Home basement for a guided 1-hour tour of an 1841 brick mansion. Hear the legends & enjoy a peek into the private lives of the Salmon Lusk family. Warning: lots of standing and stairs. Cellar doors open at 2:45pm.

Friday, December 5
Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST
***10am Help Feed The Birds** – See above.
2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.

Saturday, December 6
Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EST

***10am Help Feed The Birds** – See previous.

***10:30am The Rugged Beauty of Turkey Run** – Gather in front of the nature center for a 1.5-hour rugged hike along a little used trail to look for bald eagles and to see winter's finest, including a waterfall, coal seams, Canadian trees & breathtaking vistas.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous.

***3pm Lusk Home Tour** – See previous listing. Meet at the Home. Cellar doors open at 2:45pm.

Sunday, December 7
Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST

***10am Help Feed The Birds** – See above.

***11am Lusk Home Tour** – See previous listing. Meet at the Home. Cellar doors open at 10:45 a.m.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous.

Mon, Thurs & Fri, December 8 & 11-12
Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST

***10am Help Feed The Birds** – See above.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.

Tues & Wed, December 9-10
Nature Center CLOSED

Hoosier Quest Program

Earn patches, certificates, pins and more while exploring our State Parks and Reservoirs. Individual & family programs.
Sign up at the Nature Center.

Saturday, December 13
Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EST

***10am Help Feed The Birds** – See previous.

11:30am Like Lion or Lamb? – Just how bad will this winter be? Hear the old wives tales & folklore used to predict winter's severity, as well as factual predictors that really work. 1 hour. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.

***3pm Lusk Home Tour** – See previous listing. Meet at the Home. Cellar door open at 2:45pm.

Sunday, December 14
Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST

***10am Help Feed The Birds** – See above.

***11am Lusk Home Tour** – See previous listing. Meet at the Home. Cellar doors open at 10:45 a.m.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous

Monday, December 15
Park & Nature Center Closed

***10am Help Feed The Birds** – See above.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.

Tuesday & Wednesday, December 16-17
Nature Center CLOSED

Thursday, December 18
Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST

***10am Help Feed The Birds** – See above.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.

***3pm Lusk Home Tour** – See previous listing. Meet at the Home. Cellar doors open at 2:45pm.



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Friday, December 19
Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST

***10am Help Feed The Birds** – See above.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.

Saturday, December 20
Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EST

***10am Help Feed The Birds** – See above.

11am-noon Pine Cone Holiday Trees – Celebrate the season with us at the nature center. Spend a few minutes creating a festive craft that can become part of your holidays for years to come!

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.

***3pm Lusk Home Tour** – See previous listing. Meet at the Home. Cellar door open at 2:45pm.

***Healthy Parks–Healthy People: Get “INShape” with us, or discover how to keep a state park or reservoir healthy.**

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Sunday, December 21

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***10am Help Feed The Birds** – Help stock the Nature Center wildlife observation area with birdseed and then watch songbirds, hawks and squirrels eat and interact with each other.

***11am Lusk Home Tour** – Gather in the Lusk Home basement for a guided 1-hour tour of an 1841 brick mansion. Hear the legends & enjoy a peek into the private lives of the Salmon Lusk family. Warning: lots of standing and stairs. Cellar doors open at 10:45am. Free!

2pm Planetarium Star Show – Enjoy a tour of tonight's starry 8 o'clock sky in the comfort of our planetarium. Don't miss this free 40-minute program at the Nature Center.

Monday, December 22

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST

***10am Help Feed The Birds** – See previous

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.

Tues through Thurs, December 23-25

Nature Center CLOSED

Friday, December 26

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST

***10am Help Feed The Birds** – See above.

10:30-11:30am Snakes! – Ever been nose to nose with a live snake? Stop by the nature center to see and touch them, and to hear their amazing stories.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.

***3pm Lusk Home Tour** – See previous. Meet at Home. Cellar doors open at 2:45pm.

Saturday, December 27

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EST

***10am Help Feed The Birds** – See above.

***10:30am-12:30pm Candle Lanterns** – Make a glowing candle lantern to light up your winter nights. Bring a hammer if you have a spare one in your car. Earplugs are available! Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous.

***3pm Lusk Home Tour** – See previous listing. Meet at Home. Cellar doors open at 2:45pm.

Sunday, December 28

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST

10am Help Feed The Birds – See previous.

***11am Tracks In The Snow** – Gather at the nature center to uncover the stories tracks tell about the animals that share our planet, and then go for a short discovery hike. 1-hour program and easy hike.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous.

Monday, December 29

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***10am Help Feed The Birds** – See above.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.

Tuesday & Wednesday, December 30-31

Nature Center CLOSED

**Hoosier Quest Program:
Sign up at the Nature Center.**

***Healthy Parks–Healthy People: Get “INShape” with us, or discover how to keep a state park or reservoir healthy.**

Thursday, January 1

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST

***10am Help Feed The Birds** – See above.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.

***3pm Lusk Home Tour** – See previous listing. Meet at the Home. Cellar doors open at 2:45pm.

Friday, January 2

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST

***10am Help Feed The Birds** – See above.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.

Saturday, January 3

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EST

***10am Help Feed The Birds** – See above.

11am Owls & Their Voices – Meet 3 common Indiana owls and learn how to imitate their calls. Find out how owls survive and raise young in January! 40 minutes. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.

***3pm Lusk Home Tour** – See previous listing. Meet out at the Home. Cellar door open at 2:45pm.

Sunday, January 4

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST

***10am Help Feed The Birds** – See above.

***11am Eagle Adventure** – Parke County has the largest concentration of over-wintering bald eagles in the state! Meet at the nature center for a 1-hour moderate hike to look for eagles and other birds of winter. Wear warm boots and clothing.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.

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<http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/12066.htm>

